

NEWS OF THE FIGHTERS

**MUCH TALK DURING PAST WEEK
BUT LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED.**

The past week furnished some gossip concerning the big men in the pugilistic world, but nothing of any great consequence was done. Jim Corbett has issued a formal challenge to Jim Jeffries to fight on the 15th of the coming month. Jeffries seems inclined to accept the challenge and also the fancy purses that have been offered for the contest. The Hays Valley Club, of San Francisco, some time ago offered a \$20,000 purse, and the International Club, of Fort Erie, offered a \$25,000 purse. Corbett was willing to accept either. Later came an offer of a smaller purse for the men to fight on the 15th. Carlos Cueto then offered enough places and certainly plenty of inducements for the men to agree to meet on the 15th. Corbett has not yet signed. Jeffries has claimed that Corbett has no right to insist upon another match.

most likely opponent to meet Jeffries, and the latter should accept one of the offered challenges. The fight, if it comes, will come from the Fort Erie Club, and should not be turned down by the heavyweight champion.

There has been much morale of the opposition to the possibility of Bob Fitzsimmons, ex-champion of the world in heavy weight, and Tommy Ryan, leader of the middleweights, fighting before the Fort Erie Club, the latter part of May, for the world's championship. The controversy, articles have not as yet been assigned. Talk is cheap and Tommy Ryan is a talker. He has been the cause of the way if Fitz would come down to the middleweight limit. In the first place it is very doubtful if he could make the weight of 165 pounds, and be able to do it himself. Ryan, and if the two men were matched, there would be a rather one-sided fight. Ryan has been a long time away from the man who has only one superior in the world. If he is not aware that he is a long way from the man who has only one other pugilist but Jeffries can withstand him question Ruhlín, Sharkey, Corbett and even the champion himself. It would be better if he looked to Jack O'Brien, George Gardner, Jack Root or Kid McCreary, and not to the champion himself. Ryan, anyway Fitzsimmons sees a chance to pick up a nice bunch of money by fighting Ryan, and he will not let it pass.

"I think Ryan's proposition to meet me comes in the same nature as Corbett's," says Fitzsimmons. "I am not sure we are doing a tremendous business on the road together, and it is likely they would be doing a tremendous business on the road at the expense of our reputations. There are numerous opponents for Ryan whom I would like to fight, and I would like to

match for him with some of these would be an easy matter. It is only since I have been on the coast that Jeff McGovern has made any attempt for a match with me. I tried repeatedly several years ago to get a match with him, but he would not do it. He is getting fast as fast as possible, and when my tour closes with Jeffries I will be prepared to talk business with him. He is a good fighter, a hard and mean business, but while I am meeting with such success as there is, I am not going to take a chance of losing it so opportunely away. When I get through with this engagement Ryan can have a match with me, and I will be the champion of the world, any amount on the stake and winner take all. He is 'kidding' him, but I am not. I have never been so well thought in my life above the middleweight limit.

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It seems as if Young Corbett and Terry McGovern have no chance to settle the disputes in the squared circle and the possibility of an early meeting between the two men seems very remote. No clubs seem to want the match very much, as the clubs that bid for McGovern are not strong. The Longfellow club did not fight in Connecticut, Kentucky, Michigan, and the San Francisco clubs are not fighting clubs. McGovern has been matched to meet Ben Jordan, the English champion, at the Longfellow club. The International Sporting Club of London on Derby night, the conditions of the bout call for a purse of \$10,000, and McGovern will receive \$250,000. The weight is to be 160 pounds at 2 o'clock on the day of the fight. McGovern has been on the coast for some time, and has been going on quietly for the past two weeks. McGovern will receive \$1000 a week, and will be paid \$1000 a week for any other pugilist, outside of Rubin and Sharkey, received from the noted referee. McGovern has been on the coast for \$750, but McGovern held out for the additional \$250, which was granted. This was the McGovern's first appearance in England.

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Tom Sharkey, the sailor pugilist, and Jack Munroe, the mine pugilist, will meet next Tuesday in New York to draw up the articles for a match. Sharkey says he will not particular as to where the battle took place. He thought the best way was to let the matter rest with the referee, and to be open to the highest bidder.

"I am very anxious to meet Munroe," says Sharkey, "but I am not sure when he was on the coast, but that, of course, was too long ago to form any judgment of his present condition."

weeks ago in Chicago he looked like a man who had been fought well and who could put up a hard fight.

Ring Chatter.

Fights are now being given in Louisville, and the matches have been arranged between the topnotchers.

Red McCoy has agreed to fight in Pittsburgh this month against a man yet to be selected. His opponent will be selected once. The distance will be ten rounds.

Tim Kearns, of Boston, has improved his record by winning a fight in Chicago. His West. His victory over Art Simms at Milwaukee Friday night shows he is a very likely lightweight.

BIG MATCH GAMES.

Seven of Big Three and All-Americans Trios Arranged.

Three games of the match series between the All-American trio, managed by Sam Karpf, of Dayton, O., and the Big Three managed by W. V. Thompson, of Chicago will be played in Indianapolis during the national tournament. According to reports reached between Thompson and Karpf here last night, twelve games will be played in Chicago and Chicago will win the first seven games will be played here.

The first obstacle to the participation of John L. Sullivan in New York in the game has been removed. He was a necessary member of the All-Americans. Thompson says that Sullivan will be a member of the tournament allies, but if these can be secured others will be.

Cat, Dog and Poultry Show.

In a few days Indianapolis will have a show surpassing anything of the kind ever attempted in this city. All kinds of cat

and toy dogs will have full sway, and the prize money is bringing the best stock to America. There will be a large number of cats and short-haired, fine Angora, big, ugly cats and cats and kittens in all colors and kinds will be exhibited. The toy dogs do not include the terriers, but the spaniels, the cubators, brooders and mice, rats, birds, rabbits and a general display of pets, showing themselves in their individuality. All will be finely and uniformly coused for this occasion, and in the evening music will be part of the programme. Entertainment exhibition will be carefully planned. Entrance Feb. 2, and the show will be given Feb. 3 to 10, 1914, at the Agricultural Palace, Feb. 10, exhibitors and visitors will have time until Saturday at 11 p. m. to look over the show room. A complete cat

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